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by deleting in its entirety all the language following the enacting clause, and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-208, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Notwithstanding subsection (d), the board may designate as a health service provider, with practice restriction to recipients in a mental retardation facility under the department of mental health and mental retardation, a person who meets all of the following criteria:

1. He or she holds a doctorate in psychology from a regionally accredited institution;
2. He or she is currently licensed as a psychologist in at least one (1) state;
3. He or she has academic training in mental retardation and postdoctoral clinical experience in the field of mental retardation of at least five (5) years duration;
4. The department of mental health and mental retardation submits to the board a description of the applicant's proposed functioning at the mental retardation facility;
5. The department of mental health and mental retardation certifies that the applicant has training and experience adequate to perform his or her proposed functioning within the department, that the department is unable to recruit otherwise qualified psychologists to

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provide psychological services and that this inability threatens the integrity of the department's services and the ability of the department to meet the needs of its clients; and

6. Any psychologist granted designation as a health service provider by the board under this subsection shall surrender said designation upon termination of his or her employment with the department of mental health and mental retardation which designation shall, thereafter, be null and void.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.